



Genesis 2:21-25—Woman
From sermon 5.10.20

Read *Genesis 2:21-25*

Review from Sunday's sermon: God has created the perfect environment for man and placed him in an even better paradise—the Garden of Eden. But, man is alone and no animal is a suitable helper or companion for him. By creating man in His image, God designed man for intimate relationship. Man was also designed for self-reproducing = procreation. At the end of chapter 2, God takes care of all these needs by making woman and bring her to Adam. The institution of marriage is established.

1. How was Eve's creation unique among all living things? Unlike the animals and Adam, she was not (directly) created from dirt. God removed a piece of Adam's side and made woman.

2. What was Adam's reaction to first seeing Eve? He breaks out in poetic song. He fully realizes her uniqueness and connection. He acknowledges God's gift and the forever covenant of marriage.

3. Some critics have decried that Genesis is not about marriage, saying, "The word marriage is not used nor is any wedding component present." Why would we adamantly disagree? 1.) Referring back to this event, Jesus defined it as marriage. See *Matthew 19:3-9*. 2.) Adam's words are a beautiful example of vows. 3.) God Himself was the Father, giving Eve away and the Officiate and the witness. (hmmm...a Trinity)

4. What has man done with the God-given institution of marriage? Various possible answers. Devalued it, considering it unnecessary and potentially harmful. Redefined it so it's no long one man and one woman in exclusive commitment. Made it of convenience and gain. Made it disposable and divorce just as common as commitment.

5. What is the only biblically permitted expression of sexual conduct? That which is between one man and one woman in a biblical marriage. Thus, making all other acts sin = pre-marital sex, adultery, same-sex, and divorce. See *Hebrews 13:4*

[Note from Sunday: One of the great evidences of God's establishing and ordaining biblical marriage is just how much the devil and the world hate it and have distorted it. The same with roles in the home and in the Church.]

6. Consider God-ordained Values and Roles. How are they different? God clearly created men and woman equal. He views each as equally valuable and Jesus died for God's elect men and women. See *Galatians 3:28*. But, God did assign roles as He did established genders. Man's fall ruined this.

What two institutions has God made assigned leadership roles crystal clear?

- 1.) *Ephesians 5:22-24* = The Home
- 2.) *1 Timothy 2:11-14* & *Titus 1:6* = The Church

What are examples of other institutions have *no biblical commands* on leadership? Various answers: business/commerce, civil government/law enforcement, education outside of church*

What was the original definition of "submission"? The voluntary lining up under leadership, without regard to power, motive, or ability for the purpose of order. Best exemplified in the Trinity. What the world had done with it? Abused it and distorted it, making it a bad word.

Other "Submission" arenas in life. Institutions/Scriptures/Human Distortion: pastor-members, governors-citizens, police-citizens, employers/bosses—workers...